

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1336
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2006
LIBERALISED POLICY FOR RAILWAY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways have announced liberalised policy for faster growth of the railway sector;
- (b) If so, the details in this regard;
- (c) Whether the Railways have initiated some projects through joint venture by floating a special purpose vehicle;
- (d) If so, the details of the projects alongwith the costs thereof;
- (e) The progress made so far on these projects: and
- (f) The areas identified by the Railways in which private investment is being considered for public-private participation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1336 BY SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL AND SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.8.2006 REGARDING LIBERALISED POLICY FOR RAILWAY SECTOR

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Major policy initiatives include: Introduction of innovative freight incentive schemes based on consignment volume, cargo aggregation and volume growth. Policy on movement of container trains by private operators. Encouraging Public partnerships and Public-private partnership schemes for effecting significant improvements in rail services and development and expansion of rail network.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): The Infrastructure projects initiated through joint venture are:

Surendranagar-Pipavav Gauge Conversion project costing Rs.373 crores. Project is commissioned.

Hassan-Mangalore Gauge Conversion Project costing Rs.312 crores. Project is commissioned.

Gandhidham-Palanpur Gauge Conversion project costing Rs.452 crores. Palanpur-Samakhiali is completed. Balance portion between Samakhiali-Gandhidham is targeted for completion during 2006-07.

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited is in the process of implementing certain projects through joint ventures.

(f): Investment in wagons, running of container trains & luxury tourist trains, development of rail-side warehouses are some of the areas identified for private investment.